

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the two (2) paragraphs that appear at page 5 lines 6-15, as follows:

~~FIGURE 13 is a diagram of an alternative hub assembly that is useable in embodiments where structure is locked in its constructed configuration with the internal angle between a longitudinal axis projected through each the strut member and an axis projected through the center of the hub member (e.g., a vertical axis) is less than or equal to 90 degrees when the structure is in its fully constructed state.~~

~~FIGURE 14 is a diagram of another alternative hub assembly that is useable in embodiments where structure is locked in its constructed configuration with the internal angle between a longitudinal axis projected through each the strut member and an axis projected through the center of the hub member (e.g., a vertical axis) is greater than 90 degrees when the structure is in its fully constructed state.~~

Please amend the paragraph that extends from page 5, line 20 through page 6, line 2, as follows:

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Figures 1 and 12 show an examples of a collapsible structures 10 of the present invention in their fully constructed configurations. As shown in Figure 1, each collapsible structure 10 generally comprises a) a support frame formed of a plurality of pole members 14, a plurality of strut members 60 16 and upper and lower hub members 38,32 and b) a flexible covering 22 formed of woven nylon, plastic sheet or similar material. As shown in Figure 12, flexible covering 22 has a flap opening 21, such flap 21 being securable in a closed position by a zipper 23.

Please amend the paragraph that extends from Page 7, line 14 to Page 8, line 9, as follows:

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To fully appreciate the manner in which the collapsible structure 10 may be constructed and collapsed, it is helpful to consider and understand the components, design and function of the support structure and the manner in which the flexible cover 22 is disposed upon the support structure. The support structure generally comprises a plurality of pole members 14, a plurality of strut members 16 which extend through loops 26, a hub assembly 29 comprising an upper hub member 38, a lower hub member 32 and an actuator 30. The pole members 14 extend through

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elongate receiving channels 15 formed in the corners of the flexible cover 22 and the bottom ends of the pole members 14 are inserted into tabs 19 that are attached to and extend from the bottoms of the corners of the flexible cover 22. Each tab preferably comprises a pocket formed of durable fabric and having an opening in its top edge such that the bottom end of a pole member 14 may be received within the pocket as shown in Figure 5. When the structure 10 is collapsed, as shown in Figures 2 and 3, the pole members 14 are substantially straight, the upper and lower hub members 38, 32 are separated and spaced apart, and the flexible cover 22 is loosely disposed. Also, hinged joints 20, as shown in Figure 4, are formed in the pole members 14 approximately midway along their length. When the hinged joints 20 are extended as shown in Figure 3, they reside within the receiving channels 15 of the cover 22 between notches or cut out areas 66 formed in the fabric that defines the channels 15. These hinged joints 20 may be folded over in the manner shown in Figure 2 to further collapse the structure 10. The presence of the notches or cut away areas 66 facilitates such folding of the pole members 14 at their hinged joints 20 by preventing the fabric of the cover 22 that forms the channels 15 from bunching or binding the hinged joints 20.

Please amend the paragraphs from Page 10, line 6 to Page 11, line 12, as follows:

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~~Figure 13 shows one side of an~~ An alternative hub assembly 29a ~~that~~ is useable in embodiments where the internal angle A between the strut axis SA and the vertical axis VA is less than or equal to 90° when the structure is in its fully opened or fully constructed configuration. In this alternative hub assembly 29a, one or more downwardly extending legs G are formed on an actuator cap 30a and the actuator cap 30a is at least partially rotatable, ~~as indicated by the labeled arrows shown on Figure 13.~~ Receiving slots A are formed in the downwardly extending legs G and protruding keys B are slidably received within the receiving slots A to stabilize and guide the up and down motion of the actuator cap knob 30a. The corner surface C of each leg G contacts a protruding key D formed on the lower hub member 32a. A side slot E is also formed on a lower portion of a leg G to receive another key member F that

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protrudes from the lower hub member 32a. When it is desired to convert the structure from its open or constructed configuration to its collapsed configuration, the actuator cap 30 is turned in the counter-clockwise direction to ~~the a position shown in Figure 13,~~ wherein one of the keys B resides within the slot A adjacent to but not within a locking side slot AS, and the other key F resides adjacent to but not within the other slot E. The actuator cap 30a is pressed downwardly, ~~causing corner surface C~~ to exert downward force on the lower hub member 32a, causing the lower hub member 32a to separate from upper hub member 38a, and allowing the structure to assume its collapsed configuration. When it is desired to convert the structure from its collapsed configuration back to its open or constructed configuration, the various elements of the structure will be manipulated into ~~the general a configuration shown in Figure 1 with~~ whrerein the hub assembly 29a is once again in the its open or constructed configuration shown in Figure 13. Thereafter, the actuator cap 30a is turned in the clockwise direction causing one ~~— This causes~~ key B to slide into locking side slot AS, and the other key F to slide into the slot E, thereby locking the upper and lower hub members 38a, 32a in fixed vertical positions relative to one another and preventing the structure from inadvertently collapsing during use.

~~Figure 14 shows one side of another~~ Another alternative hub assembly 29b that is useable in embodiments where, when the structure is in its fully opened or fully constructed state, the internal angle A between the strut axis SA and the vertical axis VA is greater than 90°. In this alternative hub assembly 29b, one or more downwardly extending legs G are formed on actuator cap 30b. When the user presses downwardly on the actuator cap 30b, the legs G extend downwardly into abutment with s flange on the h of lower hub member 32b. Slots A are formed in the legs G and protruding keys B are slidably received within the slots A, thereby guiding the up and down motion of the actuator cap knob 30b.
